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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/13/08	09/06/08
Broiler/fryer	165,112	151,687
Light hens	1,488	1,215
Heavy hens	1,709	1,521

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

	WEEK	ENDING 06-Sep-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	223	0	223
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	203	0	203
Same week yr ago	196	0	196
To-date/2008	11,699	50	11,749
To-date/2007	9,061	23	9,084

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,315	1,524	2,839
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,442	1,708	3,150
Same week yr ago	991	1,119	2,110
To-date/2008	61,633	57,985	119,618
To-date/2007	48,912	52,019	100,931

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	144,936	1,092	1,524	2,616
Avg Wt	5.67	3.25	7.72	5.85
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,672	1,239	1,708	2,947
Same wk yr ago	149,496	795	1,119	1,914
Avg Wt	5.39	3.41	7.96	6.07
To-date/2008	5,905,410	49,934	57,935	107,869
To-date/2007	5,774,085	39,851	51,996	91,847

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 146.7 million head, or 14.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-08

	(A) 4.25 lbs	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	35,991	64,506	22,037	22,402	144,936
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.37	6.74	8.38	5.67
% of total /1	25%	45%	15%	15%	100%
Last week	41,846	81,647	26,814	18,365	168,672
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.39	6.82	8.15	5.53
% of total /1	25%	48%	16%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,946	75,247	27,239	7,064	149,496
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	7.05	8.19	5.39
% of total /1	27%	50%	18%	5%	100%
To date/2008	1,527,551	2,870,845	874,486	632,528	5,905,410
To date/2007	1,560,809	2,899,324	925,212	388,740	5,774,085

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,775	2,254	22	7	4,058
Avg Wt	16.99	38.72	24.76	34.42	29.13
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,856	2,739	48	7	4,650
Same wk yr ago	1,981	2,292	48	4	4,325
Avg Wt	16.26	36.65	33.84	32.22	27.28
To-date/2008	71,314	98,362	911	344	170,931
To-date/2007	70,583	93,300	796	179	164,858

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.